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SAN ANTONIO MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON FRAUD CHARGES

United States Attorney **Johnny Sutton** announced that 27-year-old George Lawrence Andrews (a.k.a. Larry Andrews) was sentenced this morning to 10 years in federal prison for his role in an estimated \$150,000 fraud scheme.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Biery ordered that Andrews pay \$146,043.22 in restitution and be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On April 10, 2003, Andrews pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit fraud, two counts of bank fraud and three counts of access device fraud. Andrews admitted that between October 1999 and June 2001, he and his now deceased mother, Georgene Andrews, devised and implemented a scheme to defraud their elderly neighbor of money and other things of value by forging the victim's signature on checks, a certificate of deposit and numerous credit card applications.

The case was investigated by agents from the United States Secret Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tom McHugh.

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